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Re: Irradiated Food

I have been reading about irradiated food to destroy potentially harmful bacteria in meat, poultry and other food.

I can't say I take a firm stand against irradiation at this time. However, I do feel the consumer has a right to expect irradiated foods to be <u>clearly labeled</u> as such, in a prominent, easy-to-read format, both in the supermarkets and in restaurants, so the consumer has the choice to buy it or not to buy it.

I hope this is being seriously considered as a requirement. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Thank you, Darbara Stewart

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